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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: REQUEST FOR SECURITY ASSISTANCE

REF: USBERLIN 3219 (NOTAL) AND ANKARA 8823

1. FAA ENCOURAGED BY TURKISH ATTITUDE AND INTEREST IN
TRAINING AND TECHNICAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE. A TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE TEAM IS SCHEDULED TO GO TO TURKEY FEBRUARY 7-14.

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2. INSPECTIONS OF SECURITY SYSTEM AT BERLIN FOR SCHEDULED
AND CHARTER OPERATIONS SHOWED IT TO BE ADEQUATE. CONVERSA-
TION WITH PAA AND AEROAMERICA (A U.S. COMMERCIAL OPERA-
TOR REQUIRED BY THE BERLIN CAA TO OPERATE THERE AS A PART
121 OPERATOR) INDICATED THAT BOTH INTENDED TO MAKE ARRANGE-
MENTS AS NECESSARY TO SCREEN AT POINTS OUTSIDE BERLIN

PRIOR TO OPERATING FLIGHTS TO BERLIN. SUBSEQUENT INSPECTION AT ISTANBUL OF THE PAA CHARTER OPERATION THERE REVEALED CHARTER OPERATION BERLIN/ISTANBUL TO BE AN UNLIKELY TARGET FOR HIJACKING OR TERRORIST ACTIVITY. THIS BASED ON FOLLOWING FACTS:

(1) FLIGHTS ARE LIMITED TO TURKISH "GUEST WORKERS" IN BERLIN AND/OR WEST GERMANY.

(2) THEY ARE SUBSIDIZED BY THE FRG AND CONTROLS ARE STRICT; CURRENT PASSPORT, WORK VISAS, AND RESIDENCE PERMIT MUST BE PRESENTED.

(3) A LETTER FROM THE INDIVIDUAL'S EMPLOYER STATING HE IS CURRENTLY EMPLOYED AND WILL HAVE EMPLOYMENT UPON RETURN TO WEST BERLIN MUST BE PRESENTED.

(4) FLIGHTS CAN ONLY BE BOOKED IN WEST BERLIN/WEST GERMANY.

(5) FARES MUST BE PAID IN DEUTSCHMARKS.

(6) DOCUMENTATION MUST BE PRESENTED FOR THE RETURN FLIGHT FROM ISTANBUL.

3. PAA, AT THE TIME OF THE INSPECTION, OPERATED ONE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WEEKLY CHARTER FLIGHT FROM BERLIN TO ISTANBUL. LAKER AIRWAYS ALSO OPERATED CHARTER FLIGHTS FROM BERLIN TO ISTANBUL. LUFTHANSA, CONDOR AND AIR BAVARIA BETWEEN THEM OPERATED SEVERAL CHARTER FLIGHTS FOR TURKISH GUEST WORKERS FROM WEST GERMANY TO ISTANBUL WEEKLY.

4. PAA'S CHARTER FLIGHTS FROM BERLIN TO OTHER LOCATIONS E.G. LAS PALAMAS, CANARY ISLANDS, SPAIN, ARE DIFFERENT. THESE CARRY 98 GERMAN PASSENGERS. DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS EXIST ONLY IN TERMS OF PASSPORT AND PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION CARD. PAA HAS CONTACTED IBERIA AND REQUESTED IT ACT AS AGENT FOR PAA TO INSURE PROPER SCREENING OF ITS CHARTER OPERATIONS AT SPANISH LOCATIONS, (PAA HAS DONE SAME WITH AUSTRIAN AIR IN AUSTRIA). PAA SECURITY REPRESENTATIVES FROM BERLIN AND FRANKFURT HAVE ALREADY MADE SEVERAL TRIPS ON THEIR CHARTER FLIGHTS TO CHECK THE SCREENING EFFECTIVENESS FOR FLIGHTS RETURNING TO BERLIN, AND MORE TRIPS WERE PLANNED. IN THE EVENT OF A CHARTER TO AN AIRPORT WHICH DOES NOT HAVE SCREENING, IT HAD ALREADY BEEN DETERMINED THAT PERSONNEL FROM THE BERLIN COMPANY WHICH PERFORMS THE SCREENING ACTIVITIES AT BERLIN'S TEGEL AIRPORT WOULD BE FLOWN TO THE LOCATION AND

PERFORM SCREENING FOR THE RETURN FLIGHT.

5. AN FAA INSPECTION TRIP COVERING SEVERAL OF THE POINTS
IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA IS BEING PLANNED FOR JANUARY
AND FEBRUARY. RESULTS PERTINENT TO PAA, AEROAMERICA, W.
BERLIN OPERATIONS WILL BE FORWARDED.
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